



MAIL STOP
AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: R.D. Hibbs et al. Attorney Docket No.: HREL121731
Application No.: 10/687,453 Group Art Unit: 3632
Filed: October 15, 2003 Examiner: A.M. King
Title: APPARATUS FOR SECURING A CAP OF A CONTAINER TO AN
EXTERNAL STRUCTURE

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

February 22, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

X 1. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	21	-	20	=	1	x	25	=	25
Independent Claims	3	-	3	=	0	x	100	=	0
TOTAL									\$25

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 20, 2004, set to expire on January 20, 2004, be extended by 1 month, to expire on February 20, 2005. The 1-month extension fee of \$60.00 and the excess claim fee of \$25 are authorized to be charged from our Deposit Account as further stated below.

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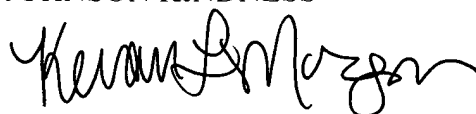
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C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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